

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE 229NATION
24 September 1983

AGENCY SUBSCRIPTION

We were intrigued to read in *The New York Times* that our old friend John Rees, who came to a sort of fame as a freelance informer on and infiltrator of New Left groups in the early 1970s [see Hillel Levin, "The 'Information Digest' Ploy," *The Nation*, October 7, 1978; and Frank Donner, "The Campaign to Smear the Nuclear Freeze Movement," November 6, 1982], has teamed up with Arnaud de Borchgrave and Robert Moss, co-authors of such right-wing fiction as *The Spike*. The three are going to publish a \$1,000-a-year monthly newsletter for "key decision-makers" who want to know about "matters of jugular concern," *The Times* reports. Drawing on "former intelligence officers, including ranking defectors from the K.G.B. and its proxy services and former government officials recently in sensitive positions," they intend to scoop the daily news media, and thus they call their newsletter "Early Warning."

"After studying our track record," de Borchgrave is reported to have written potential subscribers, "Bill Casey of the C.I.A. took out several subscriptions." A spokesman at the agency would neither confirm nor deny the report. However, if Casey hasn't subscribed, he ought to. The de Borchgrave-Moss brand of fiction should provide inspiration to the agency in concocting cover stories for bungled covert operations. And Rees could infiltrate the Republican National Committee and recover the ten-foot pole that Casey said he wouldn't touch the Debategate papers with.